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Particularly for an Electric Toothbrush,
and Method for its Manufacture

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants have submitted herewith for the Examiner's consideration copies of the references identified in the attached form PTO-1449.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner carefully review all of the submitted references and kindly make them of record by initialing the PTO-1449. This submission is made in good faith to comply with the obligation to disclose material information under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and should not be construed as an admission that the references submitted are relevant or are prior art.

German published applications DE 196 40 853, DE 196 40 852, and DE 196 40 726 are assigned to the assignee of the current application, and for each an English language abstract of a corresponding application is enclosed. Also enclosed is US Pat. 6,141,819 (Driesen et al.) corresponding to DE 196 40 853, and US Pat. 6,094,769 (Driesen et al.) corresponding to DE 196 40 852. An English translation of DE 196 40 726 is enclosed.

German published application DE 197 48 733 (Pedex), published May 6, 1999, is in German, and an attached family member print out includes a corresponding English-language abstract. This publication date is after the present Application's priority filing date of September 14, 1998, thus DE 197 48 733 is not believed to be prior art.

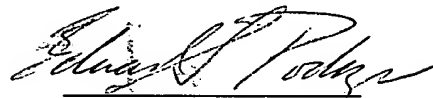
German published application DE 195 33 815 (Coronet) is in German, and a



corresponding English-language abstract is enclosed, and enclosed US Pat. 6,161,243 (Weihrauch) states that it corresponds thereto.

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